

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11 as follows:

One implementation of the invention is a method of performing a task in a processor-based system that includes a monitor and a user input device for controlling information displayed on the monitor. The method includes displaying on the monitor a plurality of connector pieces representing respective tasks to be completed, in which the pieces are arranged in a tree reflecting a hierarchy of tasks. A plurality of attachment pieces are displayed on the monitor, in which each of the attachment pieces is configured to interconnect with at least one of the connector pieces. The method includes using the user input device to position one of the attachment pieces and one of the connector pieces in close proximity with each other on the monitor, with this positioning indicating a desire on the part of a user to complete the task. The method also includes inputting into the processor information necessary to ~~performing~~ perform the task, in which the user is prompted for this information following the proximity positioning.

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In a wizard-style interface, on the other hand, users must invoke the “install servlet” wizard, which requires that the web application contain the servlet. However, if the user had not installed a web application previously, “create” and “configure web application” wizards would also be needed. In addition, “configure application server” and “create node” wizards may also be needed. The potential problem would be that a novice user might not be aware of these prerequisites before starting an “install servlet” wizard. The interface discussed above in connection with FIGURES 9A and 9B solves this problem by providing a user with a visual plan with jigsaw pieces. The jigsaw metaphor is thus useful_ [[for]] not only for representing the prerequisites for each task but also for showing them in their current state of the application or system.